

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

### Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Teleconference and Webcast Open Meeting of

Thursday, April 2, 2020 The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) met as noticed.

#### **Minutes**

The Commission approved the minutes of the open meeting of Thursday, April 2, 2020.

#### **5-AE-217 - Application for Approval of an Affiliated Interest Agreement between Wisconsin Electric Power Company, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, and American Transmission Company LLC for a Multi-Party Facilities Construction Agreement and Guarantee or Letter of Credit Transaction for Badger Hollow II**

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

#### **1000-CW-104 - Application of the City of Cedarburg, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Construct a New Elevated Water Storage Tank in the City of Cedarburg, Ozaukee County, Wisconsin**

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

#### **3270-FR-2019 - Application of Madison Gas and Electric Company for Reconciliation of Actual Fuel Costs to the Authorized 2019 Fuel Cost Plan**

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

#### **3560-SB-100 - Application of the City of Menasha as an Electric Public Utility for Authority to Issue and Sell \$10.8 Million**

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

#### **4220-FR-2019 - Application of Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin for Reconciliation of Actual Fuel Costs to the Authorized 2019 Fuel Cost Plan**

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

**6680-FR-2019 - Application of Wisconsin Power and Light Company for Reconciliation of Actual Fuel Costs to the Authorized 2019 Fuel Cost Plan**

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

**4700-SA-101 - Application of the City of Platteville, Grant County, Wisconsin, as a Sewer Public Utility, for Authority to Deregulate the Sanitary Sewer Utility**

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

**6680-AU-120 - Application for Approval of an Affiliated Interest Agreement between Wisconsin Power and Light Company and Alliant Energy Corporate Services, Inc.**

The Commission approved, with all standard conditions, Wisconsin Power and Light Company's application for approval of an affiliated interest agreement between Wisconsin Power and Light Company and Alliant Energy Corporate Services, Inc.

The Commission directed the Division of Energy Regulation and Analysis to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

**1-IC-522 - Application for Intervenor Compensation filed by Clean Wisconsin, Inc. to Participate in Docket 9698-CE-100**

The Commission modified and approved the request of Clean Wisconsin, Inc. for a reduced amount of \$10,623.52 in supplemental intervenor compensation for participation in docket 9698-CE-100, the joint application of South Shore Energy, LLC and Dairyland Power Cooperative for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Nemadji Trail Energy Center combined-cycle electric generation project.

The Commission directed the Division of Energy Regulation and Analysis to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

**1-AC-251 - Revisions to Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 160**

The Commission accepted the Statement of Scope after reviewing the public comments and feedback received following the completion of the preliminary hearing and comment period under Wis. Stat. § 227.136, and directed Commission staff to continue the rulemaking process.

**1-AC-252 - In the Matter of Proposed Revisions to ch. PSC 118, Renewable Resource Credit Tracking Program**

The Commission accepted the Statement of Scope after reviewing the public comments and feedback received following the completion of the preliminary hearing and comment period under Wis. Stat. § 227.136, and directed Commission staff to continue the rulemaking process.

**5-TK-120 - Tracking of Non-Docketed/Delegated Items for 2020**

The Commission accepted modifications to the Delegated Items.

**9705-FG-2020 - Project Year 2020 (PY20) State Energy Program (SEP) Formula Grant Awarded by the US Department of Energy**

The Commission approved the proposed State Energy Program Project Year 2020 Annual Plan and modified the quarterly reporting requirements as discussed.

The Commission directed the Division of Digital Access, Consumer, and Environmental Affairs to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

**5-AF-105 - Accounting Treatment for Utility Costs Incurred Due To and During Declared Public Health Emergency for COVID-19**

The Commission reviewed the alternatives listed in Commission staff's memo ([PSC REF#: 387587](#)), related to the investigation of accounting treatment for utility costs incurred due to and during declared public health emergency for COVID-19, and made the following determinations:

1. The Commission determined it is appropriate to include the incremental increase in bad debt or uncollectible expense above what is currently included in authorized rates related to the health crisis in the deferral authorization.
  2. The Commission did not include declining sales revenue as a component of foregone revenue in the deferral authorization.
  3. The Commission directed Class A and B utilities to provide total deferral reporting by FERC or USOA account on a monthly basis for two months with Commission staff to report on the reporting frequency after two months, and direct Class C and D utilities to provide such reporting on a quarterly basis.
  4. The Commission determined that it is reasonable at this time to authorize specific carrying cost rates.
  5. The Commission directed carrying costs for IOU's to accrue at the authorized cost of short-term debt.
- Commissioner Nowak dissented.

6. The Commission directed carrying costs for municipal utilities to accrue at the municipal benchmark rate of 4.90 percent.
7. The Commission did not order any deferral relating to the tax provisions of the CARES Act at this time.
8. The Commission did not request comment from utilities on the likely effects of the CARES Act provisions and the appropriate use of tax savings.  
Commissioner Huebner dissented.

The Commission directed the Division of Energy Regulation and Analysis to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

**5-UI-120 - Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion to Ensure Safe, Reliable and Affordable Access to Utility Services During Declared Public Health Emergency for COVID-19**

The Commission approved the Draft Notice to Request Comments as discussed and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steffany Powell Coker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steffany Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission